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*Please refrain from applause during worship, but feel free  
to share your appreciation with our worship leaders after the service if you are so moved.*

**Prelude**

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven**

Setting by Rachel Trelstad Porter

*Please stand as able at the ringing of the bell.*

**Processional Hymn (9:30 AM)**  
**#410, The Hymnal 1982**

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven**

Words: Henry Francis Lyte  
Music: Lauda anima

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor  
to his people in distress;  
praise him still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

**Opening Acclamation**

p. 355 Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**S-277, The Hymnal 1982** (spoken at 7:45 AM; sung at 9:30 AM)

Setting by David Hurd

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## **The First Lesson: A reading from the Book of Job**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Job answered the Lord: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm Appointed: 34:1-8** (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

p. 627, Book of Common Prayer

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.**
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.**
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.**
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.**
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.**
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.**
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!**

## **The Second Lesson: A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews**

Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able for*

**The Sequence Hymn** (9:30 AM)  
**#773, Wonder, Love and Praise vss. 1-3**

**Heal me, hands of Jesus**

Words: Michael Perry  
Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from Tunes for Grace

- 1 Heal me, hands of Jesus,  
and search out all my pain:  
restore my hope, remove my fear  
and bring me peace again.
- 2 Cleanse me, blood of Jesus,  
take bitterness away;  
let me forgive as one forgiven  
and bring me peace today.
- 3 Know me, mind of Jesus,  
and show me all my sin;  
dispel the memories of guilt,  
and bring me peace within.

### **The Holy Gospel**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Mark 10:46-52

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Sequence Hymn continued*

- 4 Fill me, joy of Jesus:  
anxiety shall cease  
and heaven's serenity be mine,  
for Jesus brings me peace!

*All are seated as invited by the preacher.*

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Mawethu Ncaca, Associate Rector

*All remain seated for a moment of silence following the sermon.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Adapted from *The Episcopal Network for Stewardship*

Celebrant

In gratitude for all we have received, every perfect gift that comes from God above, we gather to offer our intentions, petitions, and thanksgivings to God.

*The People say responses in **bold**.*

We pray for the Church, founded on the gift of your Word, and for all who gather to worship, praise, and work. Pour your blessings on Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, Presiding Bishop, our Bishops Sam and Jennifer, and our clergy and leadership. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

May we who witness Your saving acts in the world, be ever grateful for every perfect gift, **which comes from God above.**

We pray for the world, your greatest gift to us, and the gift of all Creation. We pray for the welfare of our planet, and for the wise stewardship of our world. Bless and guide our President, Joseph, our legislative and judicial institutions, and the members of our local government. May they forever care for the people they represent and work for peace and justice. I invite your prayers for our world, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

*Silence*

May we who witness your power in the world, be ever grateful for every perfect gift, **which comes from God above.**

We pray for the work of our church in the world. As we enter this season of intention and focus on the gifts that we give, inspire us to be generous with our time, our talent, and our treasure.

*Silence*

May we who witness the impact of our gifts in our community be grateful for every perfect gift, **which comes from God above.**

We pray for our neighbors and all who need or request our prayers. We remember the sick, the lonely, the suffering; those oppressed domestically or abroad and those in prison; for all who give care and comfort to those in need; for the poor and those who sleep on our streets. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: **Ken, Paul, Edna, Ruth, Peggy, Jeanne, Sheena, Ric, Jan, Steve, Robert, Mary, Carol, Maren, Foster, Rex, Pat, Rory, Kolin, Suzanne, Barbara and all those on our chronic prayer list.** We pray for those whose needs are known to you alone, and for those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

*Silence*

May we who witness your healing in the world, be grateful for every perfect gift, **which comes from God above.**

We pray for those who have died, especially Jean McCamy. May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. Thank you especially for those members whose gifts to the church are felt beyond their lifetimes.

*Silence*

May we who witness your eternal love in the world, be grateful for every perfect gift, **which comes from God above.**

We pray for those in our parish celebrating birthdays this week: Emma Simmonds, David Stoller, Barry Rishel, Helen Munz, Roxanne Johnson, and Rachel Childs, . It is impossible to number the blessings we have received, the many gifts that we have been given and those we share with the world. For what are we thankful today? *(All may offer thanksgivings aloud.)*

*Silence*

May we who witness our gifts at work in the world, be grateful for every perfect gift, **which comes from God above.**

*The Celebrant concludes*

With grateful hearts we thank you, Abundant God, for hearing the faithful prayers of your people, granting them grace and love and blessings for every perfect gift. **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**

p. 360, Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

**ALL Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

Remember to sanitize hands, before and after touching common items like offering plates or after shaking hands at the Peace.

### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People **And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

### Welcome & Parish Announcements

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

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**Offertory Anthem** (9:30 AM)

**Meditation on 'New Britain'**

Setting by Sylvia Oines

*Please stand as able*

### The Doxology

*(7:45 am—spoken)*

**All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**

*(9:30 am—sung—Hymn 380 vs. 3)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

p. 361 Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing....

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**S-125, The Hymnal 1982**

...who for ever sing this hymn  
to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord** (7:45 AM spoken; 9:30 AM sung)  
Setting  
by Richard Proulx

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Celebrant Holy and gracious father: In your infinite love...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All** **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption....

....By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**All** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**  
**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation, but**  
**deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the Kingdom, and the power,**  
**the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

**At 9:30 AM, sung**

**S-155** (front of Hymnal 1982), **Christ our Passover** and  
Setting by Gerald Near

*All stand as able*

**The Breaking of the Bread (Fraction Anthem)**

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**At 7:45 AM, spoken**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover  
is sacrificed for us;

**People** **Therefore let us keep the feast.**  
**Alleluia.**

**The Communion of the People** (*please sanitize your hands before coming forward*)

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or to receive a blessing (instead of the bread and wine) at the altar rail. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest to signal the clergy. If you need a gluten free wafer, please extend your hands with palms down. If you need to be served in your seat, please inform an usher.

At this time, we will refrain from offering the common cup (drinking from a common chalice) and will offer the wine by intinction only (dipping the communion wafer in the cup of wine.) If you wish to receive the wine, please hold the wafer

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| 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,<br>that saved a wretch like me!<br>I once was lost but now am found,<br>was blind but now I see.          | 4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,<br>I have already come;<br>'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,<br>and grace will lead me home.     |
| 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,<br>and grace my fears relieved;<br>how precious did that grace appear<br>the hour I first believed! | 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,<br>bright shining as the sun,<br>we've no less days to sing God's praise<br>than when we'd first begun. |
| 3 The Lord has promised good to me,<br>his word my hope secures;<br>he will my shield and portion be<br>as long as life endures.                |                                                                                                                                                     |

in your fingers as the chalice bearer comes to you and take care to dip only the wafer into the wine (and not your fingers.) If you are not comfortable receiving the wine this way, please know that receiving only the consecrated bread at Holy Communion (or the wine only) is still considered full Communion.

**Communion Hymn** (9:30 AM)  
**#671, The Hymnal 1982**

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound** Words: John Newton (1725-1807),  
alt.; st. 5, from A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790;  
compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus  
Music: New Britain

**The Postcommunion Prayer** (for those who have shared in Communion in person)

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

1 O bless the Lord, my soul!  
His grace to thee proclaim!  
And all that is within me join  
to bless his holy Name!

2 O bless the Lord, my soul!  
His mercies bear in mind!  
Forget not all his benefits!  
The Lord to thee is kind.

3 He will not always chide;  
he will with patience wait;  
his wrath is ever slow to rise  
and ready to abate.

4 He pardons all thy sins,  
prolongs thy feeble breath;  
he healeth thine infirmities  
and ransoms thee from death.

5 He clothes thee with his love,  
upholds thee with his truth;  
and like the eagle he renews  
the vigor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
whose grace hath made thee whole,  
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
O bless the Lord, my soul!

*The*

*Celebrant blesses the People.*

**(9:30 AM) All children & youth here today are invited to join the clergy at the church door during the following hymn. Our youth will help send us out with the words of Dismissal.**

**The Dismissal Hymn** (9:30 AM)  
**#411, The Hymnal 1982**

**O bless the Lord, my soul**

Words: James Montgomery  
Music: St. Thomas

**The Dismissal**

Children Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Praise, my soul

Music by Edwin T. Childs

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